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HUSA Keeps Budget Information Under Wraps

BY TYLER BROWN
Contributing Writer

The Howard University Student Association (HUSA) budget is considered by some as the "best-kept secret" of Howard University, with rules that it is not to be released.

"The official comment is no comment," said David Stinfield, financial advisor for the Undergraduate Student Association (UGSA).

According to a stipulation in the financial advisor's contract, he is not allowed to speak on budgetary matters. For that matter, not a single HUSA staffer can discuss budgetary matters even in everyday conversation.

Students at Howard pay student activity fees along with their tuition, "a large part of which goes to student government," said current HUSA President Byron Stewart.

"It's outrageous for



Gabriel Vernon - Staff Photographer

Though students contribute to the HUSA budget through tuition, the information about how the funds are allocated is not made public.

HUSA to claim to represent students, yet withhold crucial information, such as budget numbers, from students," said Alexandra Sutton, junior biology major.

This money is then broken down into executive funding, which is funding for various programs, and organizational funding.

Stewart said that the HUSA budget is based on

the number of enrolled students, the surplus from the previous year and any "outstanding fees."

Once received, the money is organized under an itemized budget, and is then approved or disapproved by the Graduate and Undergraduate General Assembly.

The General Assembly manages organizational funding, and it is up to its discretion which organizations receive funding and the amounts.

Stewart said there are procedures within the budgetary process intended to ensure that money is never mismanaged or mispent.

The dean of Student Activities, Tonya Guillory, or the director, Belinda Lightfoot-Watkins, must sign off on every expenditure, Stewart said.

Such an atmosphere of cloak-and-dagger secrecy leaves many a Howard student wondering exactly what composes this secret budget and why the com-

mon student isn't privy to how his or her fees are being spent.

According to the HUSA mission statement, the student government pledges to "create awareness and a more proactive approach to leadership. With a renewed vigor, we will facilitate an environment rooted in greater collaboration, cooperation and communication."

Furthermore, "HUSA's vision is to facilitate the empowerment of the student body and to turn our academic learning into practical experiences that will uplift and unify a divided Pan-African community," Stewart said. In addition to fulfilling this pledge, HUSA plays a key role in the majority of student events such as Homecoming and Freshman Orientation Week.

As well as sponsoring and funding these events, HUSA includes within its domain the entire student body, and a legisla-

tive branch known as the General Assembly, which consists of all representatives of the UGSA and the Graduate Student Assembly (GSA), according to the HUSA web page.

Since students are not allowed to know the specifics of the HUSA budget and cannot be sure of exactly how the money is spent, a few gave suggestions as to where the funds should go.

Joseph Rose, a junior film major, said the "monies should be focused more on facilities and less on entertainment."

Brock Horne, a junior graphic design major, said HUSA should spend part of the budget for counselors.

"More money should be directed to promoting the relationship between students and advisors... especially in the [School of Communications]," Horne said.



Nicole Reed - Staff Photographer

Will Bowl for Blankets: Students Raise Goods For Needy

BY FARREN HINTON
Contributing Writer

Thanksgiving is next week, and that means the holiday season is right around the corner. When one thinks of the season at hand food, family and gifts all come to mind. While many Howard students are preparing to hop on flights next week to be with loved ones in their warm homes, very few are considering the changing atmosphere outside. Thousands of D.C.'s less fortunate will be without shelter or protection from the rapidly dropping temperatures this season. One group of Howard students understands the situation and last night hosted an event to help the less fortunate.

Following the success of last year's program, The Talented Tenth hosted its second annual charity fundraiser Bowling for Blankets last night. The purpose of the event is to raise money and collect blankets, and other winter accessories such as socks, caps and scarves for the needy. The organization plans to distribute the goods they collect some time after returning from the Thanksgiving break next week.

Darryl Perkins, the vice president of the organiza-

tion noted how important and touching it is for the members of the Talented Tenth to hand out the donations themselves. "We are going to pass them out ourselves so we can get that personal interaction."

Living in Washington, D.C., the average Howard student is constantly face to face with the homeless and less fortunate. Perkins said that he notices the big divide between the university and some of the residents in the surrounding community. "We are coming down from the hilltop and into the community," Perkins said.

The vice president noted how it was one thing to donate through a shelter, but to personally hand out donations is more meaningful. He reminisced that last year the recipients of the donations were very thankful and responsive. "A lot of the people just wanted to talk to someone, so we would talk with them," Perkins said.

Other members of the organization are really looking forward to passing out the blankets and are excited to be involved. "I would love to go and help distribute the blankets if time permits," said freshman IB major, Victoria Aljae.

Ebony Shanks, a soph-

omore television production major who is a member of the organization, believes that the fundraiser is a really good idea and admits to purposely signing up for the program to "be more involved in the community."

"It's getting cold out here, and I don't think anyone deserves to be freezing outside in the winter. I'm just happy that I could help," Shanks said.

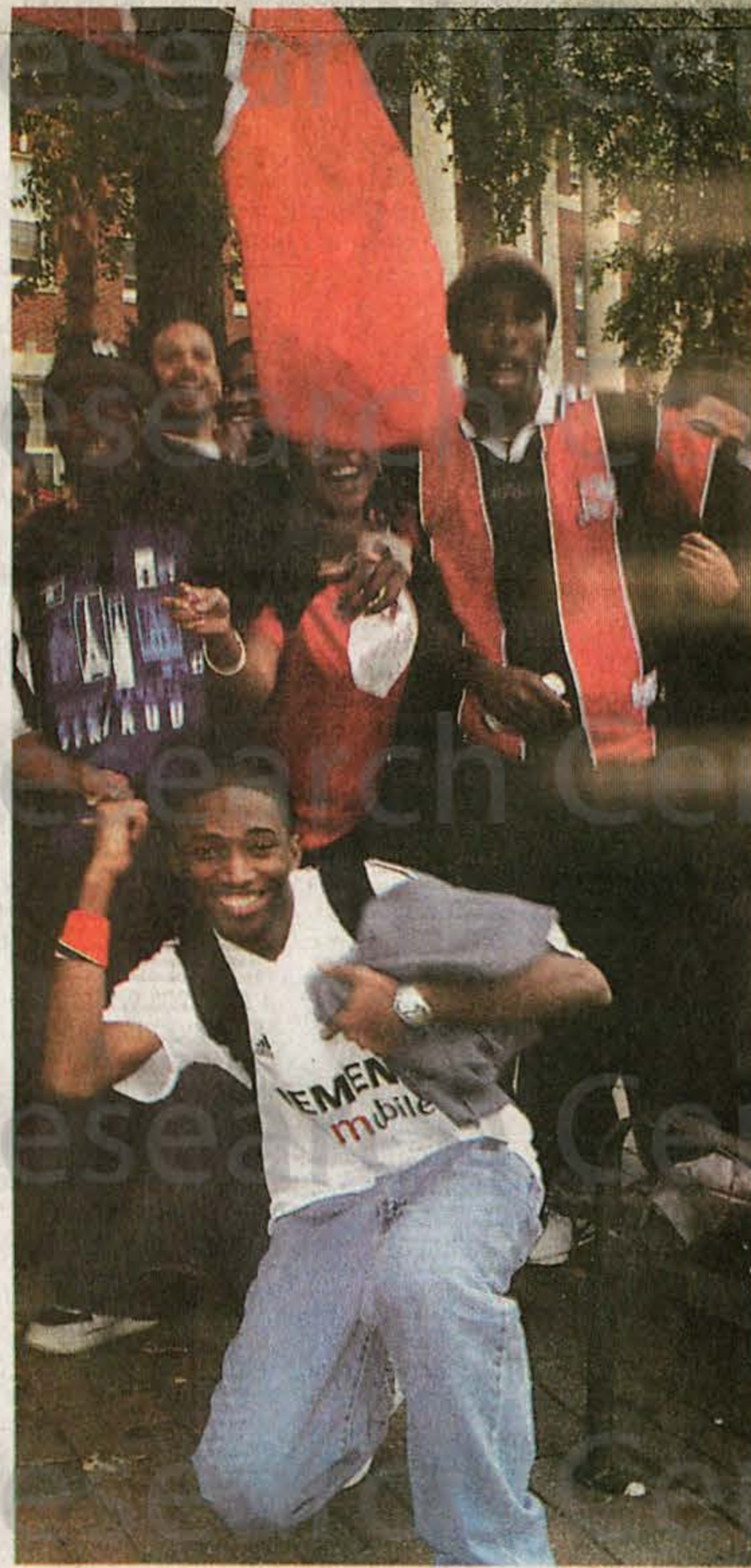
Those who attended the event, which was open to everyone, either donated blankets or \$5 to enter, all of which will go towards the purchasing of more supplies.

The donations brought the organization's supporters an evening full of laughter and fun as friends bowled against one another and jammed to music.

Some of the Talented Tenth's newest members took part in the evening. "I think that it is amazing to be able to help the homeless and those who are less fortunate than us," said Jasmine Beard, a freshman English major.

For those who were unable to make it to the event, there is still a chance to help out. As part of their community service, the Talented Tenth host a table downstairs in Blackburn every Wednesday.

Trini Soccer Celebration on the Yard



Yetunde Osun - Staff Photographer

Fans here on campus celebrated on the yard yesterday as the World Cup qualifying team from Trinidad & Tobago launched themselves into the 2006 World Cup, defeating opponent Bahrain 1-0 on the Bahrainian's home turf in Manama. Left midfielder and captain of the team, nicknamed the "Soca Warriors," Dwight Yorke, called the game a highlight of his career, despite receiving a yellow card along with defender Cyd Gray. Defender Dennis Lawrence scored the "Warriors' lone goal.

HU Organizations Gear Up For Project GiveBack

BY NINA GOODWINE
Contributing Writer

Project GiveBack will hold its 11th-annual Thanksgiving Food Distribution on Saturday at Ferebee-Hope Elementary School in Southeast D.C.

The community service organization, founded by Ransom Miller, a Howard alumnus, plans to deliver 350 baskets to needy families in the D.C. metropolitan area.

Residence Life gathers students for the program every November, and Miller said there are even more in the community

who participate.

"We get busloads of Howard students," he said. "Students also come from Trinity [University] and George Washington. [We also] get help from the National Association of Accountants, the Howard University Alumni Association and Panhellenic groups." Miller, a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., mentions that the Greeks compete each year to see which group will bring the most volunteers to the program.

"[Omega Psi Phi] has won every year, and we hope to win

again," he said, laughing. He notes that the Deltas have proven to be competitive.

Volunteers also participate from the accounting firm where Miller works and small businesses. Verizon recently joined the effort.

Another Howard alum and owner of a local information technology business, has also recently become a sponsor. Miller said they reunited at homecoming, which he jokingly added is "good for more than parties."

The Thanksgiving Food Distribution is one of four pro-

grams that Project GiveBack implements annually. The organization also holds a Toy Distribution Project in December, a Computer Sponsor Program and a Children's Easter Celebration.

"We provide a service that no other organizations do," Miller said. "We go through the Department of Human Services and churches to make sure that [needy families] have food for the holidays."

Miller credits his Oklahoma upbringing with inspiring him to found the organization and for making him sensitive to the

needs of others. Although he didn't grow up extravagantly, he had what he needed.

"My father was the chairman of the deacons at church, [so I] grew up helping people," Miller said.

Throughout Project GiveBack's 11-year run, he said, the group has distributed Thanksgiving meals to more than 1,000 families. "I've really just wanted to help," Miller said. "I felt blessed and wanted to give back to those who didn't have the opportunity [to fight the problem]."

With the changes in the District, Miller said he hopes more professionals will choose to give time, money and effort back into the community. He said it is a job he can't do alone.

"I want to make it an organization of people as opposed to one guy trying to do something positive," Miller said.

His future goals for Project GiveBack include holding resume workshops and providing people with skills they need to succeed, especially if they don't plan to attend college. He wants to "help people help themselves."

Roomies Experience Tension



BY YVETTE CRENSHAW
Contributing Writer

To some, the words roommates and suitemates ring with a jingle, and to others those words arouse angry thoughts or fear.

According to Dean Charles Gibbs of Residence Life, roommates and suitemates are supposed to make campus life a bit easier.

Being able to have people to talk and connect with is the main purpose for roommates and suitemates, as well as preserving space in dormitories.

"I have always been a strong proponent for community living," Gibbs said. "My roommate and I, 20 years later, are still the best of friends." Whether the student has a choice of their roomie or suitemate, there are dozens of situations that can arise.

What if the person is totally different? What if they snore? What kind of music do they like? Most importantly, are they clean and organized?

"Last year I had a rude awakening with my roommate," said sophomore business finance major Rhea Reid. "We got along, we just had differences. She was very clean and I

See Roomate, NEWS A5

District Shelter Seeks Donations To Spread Holiday Joy

BY ASHLEY WILBON
Contributing Writer

Although Thanksgiving began as a dinner to give thanks, it will not be a joyful holiday for some people in the area. The House of Imogene Shelter is seeking donations to try to spread joy to those in need beyond Thanksgiving.

The House of Imogene Shelter has been in the Howard community for 33 years. It began as Bishop Imogene B. Stewart's dream to help victims of domestic violence. Her dream became a reality in 1972 with the opening of the 12-bed shelter.

The shelter, located at 214 P St. N.W., has survived for nearly four decades without government funding. "The shelter operates on \$15,000 a year," Stewart said. "This is unheard of."

Support has come from sororities, fraternities and such churches as First Baptist United Methodist Church and Greater Pearly Gate Baptist Church, where Stewart is pastor. Howard's School of Divinity has offered to assist the shelter, and Mayor Anthony Williams donated \$2,800 to restore the shelter's gas. The House of Imogene has also reached out to the WOL 1450-AM radio family.

"Blankets, clothes, jackets and money should be donated to shelters, things that will last longer than the holidays," said Nijha Oliver, a senior psychology major.

Stewart has worked hard to

keep the shelter up and running, but her ultimate goal is to see the shelter eliminated. "This would mean poverty is over," she said.

Stewart was born in Dublin, Ga., in 1942 to the Rev. J.C. and Mattie Bigham. She came to the District during the sixties when the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. spoke at the March on Washington. Stewart began a street ministry referred to as the Church of What's Happening Now, which evolved into the House of Imogene.

In addition to operating the shelter and being a pastor, Stewart runs the African American Women's Clergy Association and has a radio talk show on WOL, "The Georgia Peach."

In 1992, she received a "Living the Dream" award for helping battered women, the homeless and veterans.

Many Howard students feel that shelters like the House of Imogene are important. "I think shelters should stay open because people will always need help," said Makesi Quashie, sophomore civil engineering major.

Computer engineering major Akil Booker said that, "having shelters help the poverty rate decrease."

"Shelters are not just places to go for warmth in the winter, air in the summer and for food for all seasons," said psychology major Deirdre Waters. "It is a place of comfort, ease and peace. It is a covenant. It is a shelter."

THE SPOTLIGHT

Employee: Roberta McLeod

BY VANESSA MIZELL
Nation & World Editor

Fists clenched tightly as if fighting to restrain every iota of pride from slipping out of grasp. Elbows thrust in the air, locked in faithful passion for the cause. "Black Power!" The words, or ideology, resound from the bowels of the campus. A throng of students, clasping wooden sticks with messages attached, capture the galvanizing spirit that vaults off the vociferous declarations of one man's mouth. Slowly this image drowns within the crevasses of reality until reality vanquishes her mind's memory.

Every now and then, Roberta McLeod, the director of Howard University's Armour J. Blackburn Center, remembers her days as a revolutionary in the '60s. At her alma mater, Hampton University, she worked closely with Howard University's Stokely Carmichael (Kwame Toure) to organize sit-ins and sleep-outs.

"I remember we slept out in the cold, in front of my dormitory, to protest what we thought was injustice," McLeod recalls.

She was directly influenced by three modes of protest against racism: Martin Luther King's passive resistance, Stokely Carmichael's "more revolutionary approach" and Malcolm X's by-any-means-necessary offense.

"I was more in tune with Dr. King's philosophy," she said, "but I also strongly believed in Black Power like Malcolm X."

Where HBCU campuses were used as a venue through which the Civil Rights Movement was accelerated, McLeod now sees it as a photographic memoir of the past.

"On Howard's campus, I think the masses, not everyone, but the masses are complacent," McLeod said. "Many have misplaced issues, and the things they debate about are not relevant to the things life is about. In my generation, we selected our battles."

For McLeod, her battle started at a very young age. She was born in Newark, N.J., and several years later moved to Sumpter, S.C. When she was 12 years old, McLeod became fearful one night that the uterine cancer ruling her mother's life

would not be as merciful. She ran out of the house to seek help at the same time a Klu Klux Klan rally had just ended. A large mob sheathed in white moved down one side of the road and she up the other.

"It scared me so badly," McLeod recalls. "There were no words to describe how powerful that moment was but I had more concern for my dying mother than fear for them."

Moments like that coupled with the blatant segregation of blacks into poorer conditions and whites into better conditions expanded her cognition of racism. McLeod never fathomed the notion of "better than": Why? For what reason should it be this way? It wasn't until she saw an actual burning cross set ablaze by the KKK in front of her dormitory that the "quiet angry girl" died and birthed Roberta the Revolutionary.

"Mediocrity at Howard is unacceptable."

- Roberta McLeod

"Revolutionaries don't die," said McLeod with a smile. "I still am a revolutionary. I still fight for the rights of young people and for justice."

She itemized an endless list of contributions to both the young and African-American communities: teaching self-esteem and African-American history in prisons, lecturing high school students around the nation about college preparation, helping organize the Million Man March or founding a Rites of Passage youth group. A member of the NAACP and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., McLeod says that most of the work she does is voluntary.

"Her love for the universe is inspirational," said Terrance Samuels, Howard University Special

Student Services administrator, who has known McLeod since he was 19. "I don't know how things could run here without her."

Inspired by her mother, McLeod's love for people is a driving force in her life. "My mother was a real lady in every sense of the word," she said. "She was charming, creative and smart. She taught me so much and made me know what I wanted to be."

McLeod still carries a cumbersome load of concern for young people, specifically on Howard's campus.

"Mediocrity at Howard is unacceptable," McLeod said sternly. "We, the parents that came out of the '60s consciously decided we didn't want our kids to have the struggles we experienced. The parents then pampered, spoiled and, in some ways, crippled the kids by making them more dependent."

As a result, she said, a lot of students are not focused and don't know what it means to make a conscientious sacrifice for political gain.

McLeod, a mother of three, is very familiar with sacrifice. After graduating from Hampton with a bachelor's degree in biochemistry, she gave birth to her first child. Soon after, the baby's father left her to remain a single parent juggling four jobs: modeling, dancing, working in parasitology and underwriting for All-State Insurance. Friends lent support with her baby and transportation.

She described her sacrifices as if she did not lose a thing. Her experiences bolstered her mission to help others. In the '60s, McLeod said, there was a spiritual connection, a village, a dependency on each other. She manifests that notion in her work as what Samuels described as a "student-oriented administrator."

With a keen respect for Howard and its contributions to the African-American and global communities, she still believes that students and all African-American youth should hold the same Civil Rights fervor.

"If only the students today would possess that same frame of mind today, if only they were all politically active, if only they didn't take their education for granted, if only the males wouldn't



feel like being dumb makes them a man, if only the females would understand that their body is a temple, if only they were all drug-free, if only they realized the importance of spirituality, this university would be a different place," McLeod said. "Education is the key."

McLeod believes she has a spiritual obligation to do the work she does and has surrendered to the call of destiny. She calls herself a counselor, an administrator, a mother, a leader, but most of all "an educator through and through."

"When I look at these students, I see an extension of my own children," McLeod said. "These students, if given the proper support, will touch the world in a way that's never been seen before."

Even as her memory of the '60s battle on campus is often subsumed by the present, she believes that Stokely Carmichael, Martin Luther King and Malcolm X are embedded within souls of students, trying to find a way to greet an unfamiliar world.

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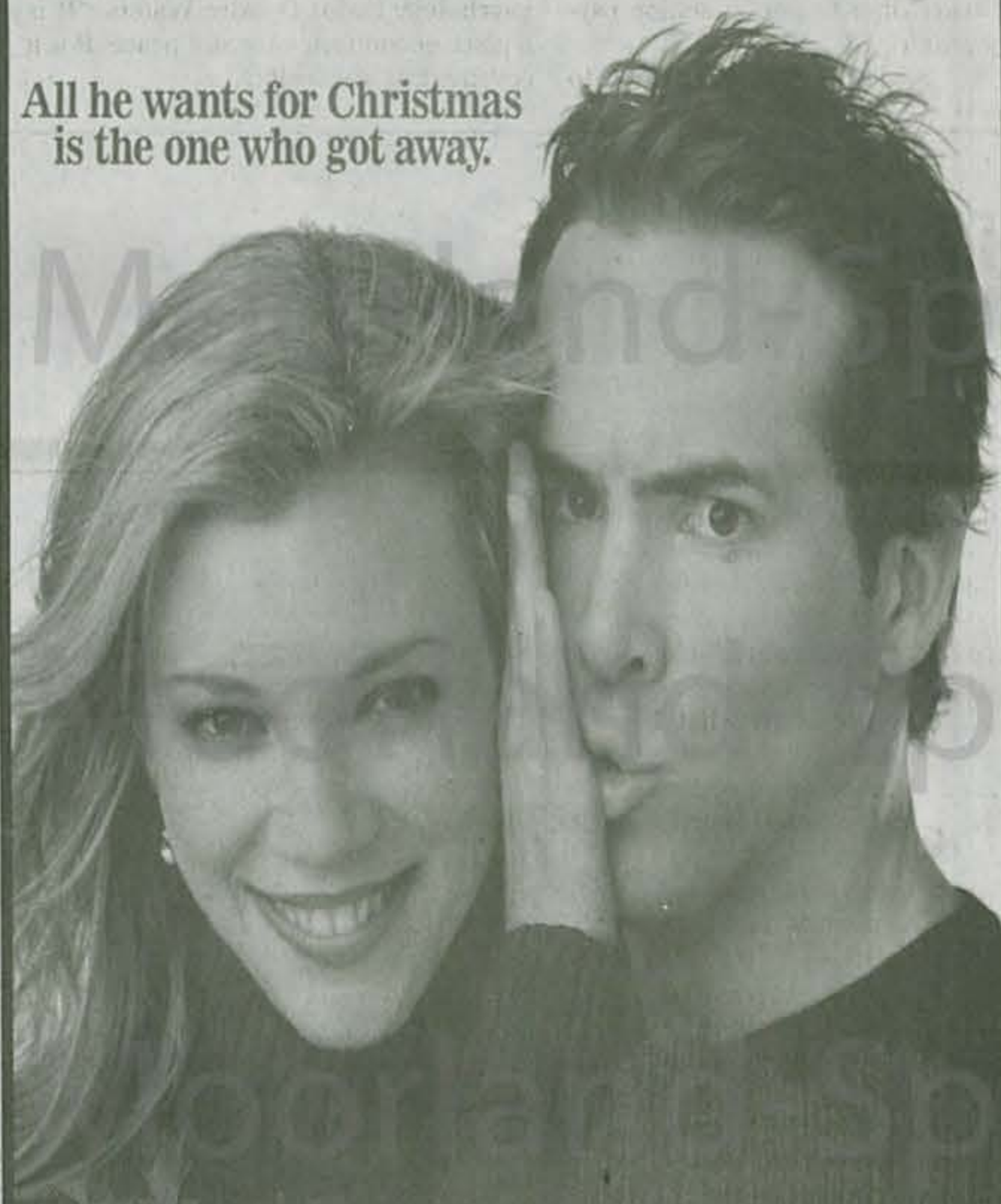
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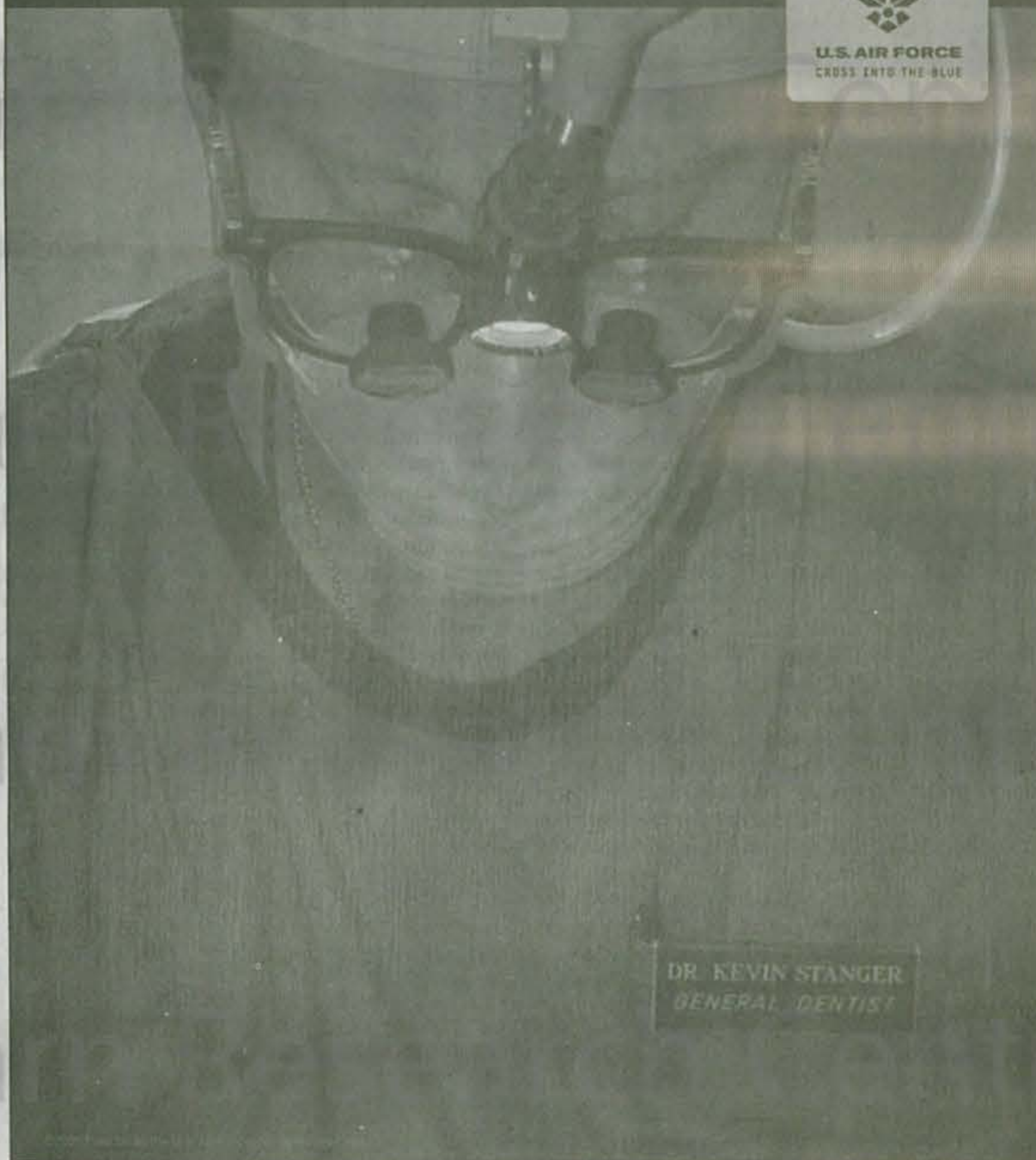


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Hold On Tight: Metrorail Plans to Make Changes to Trains Next Year

BY MATTHEW COOPER
Contributing Writer

The Metrorail system will possibly see significant changes to the seating arrangement to its cars, as the Metrorail board committee unanimously approved testing three new seating layouts next spring.

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority is making an effort to ease the crowds on trains by also switching from 4-and-6-car trains to 8-car trains. The new cars will feature fewer seats and more hand rails. Metrorail has already ordered 184 of the 6000 series Breda cars.

"Our priority is to get people to the center of the car," said Metrorail spokesperson Lisa F. Harbstein. "People bunch up near the door and passengers can't get on or off the train."

Crowded trains are a huge problem on the highly populated red line, which constantly has in influx of traffic. Metrorail hopes that crowds can be alleviated by spreading passengers out among 8 cars and less hand rails. "Crowded trains lead to broken doors," Harbstein said. "Broken doors lead to trains out of service, which causes delays."

Metrorail has an outstanding reputation for being one of the most efficient and comfortable transportation systems in the country since it began picking up passengers in 1976. Many are concerned that the comfort level won't be the same with the new trains, especially those who travel long distances.

"I want to sit down!" said Lashanda Clarks, a senior Chemistry and pre-med major



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Soon, finding a seat on the Metro won't be this easy. Metrorail has already ordered the newer trains with fewer seats and more handrails. Frequent riders are skeptical that these changes will alleviate the congestion on trains, especially during peak hours.

who travels to campus from Branch Avenue. "There may be more people to fit in the train, but at least have some place to sit down. Some people travel short distances and don't need to sit down."

Metrorail believes that comfort on the train can still be achieved. "Making sure the train is not too crowded will keep the comfort level," Harbstein said.

However, many students who frequent the train don't believe that a train with less seats will be as comfortable. Sophomore nursing major Simone Knight doesn't think removing seats is a good idea.

"It will be uncomfortable

because more people will be standing instead of sitting, especially going long routes," Knight said. "If they are going to make accommodations for more space, they should add more space."

Others see the removal of seats as a safety concern. Shawnicka Snipe, a junior sociology major and native D.C. resident also believes the handrails won't work. "The train makes stops real quick, and can cause people to fall," Snipe also said that many people ride the train in heels and want to sit down.

The proposed changes, as of now, will only apply to the red line trains. Although the

entire metrorail system experiences heavy traffic, the red line is particularly congested. Red line customers frequently complain about delays and overcrowded trains.

"That's the largest line, and it mostly goes downtown," Snipe said.

Although Howard University students and staff frequent the green and yellow lines, students agree that the red line, which runs from Shady Grove to Glenmont, is in need of the most attention.

Metro Briefs

Cell Phone Bandit Identified



The case of the "cell phone bandit" is being investigated by federal prosecutors.

According to FBI papers filed on Tuesday, Candice Martinez admitted robbing four Wachovia Bank branches in Northern Virginia while talking on the cell phone. Court papers showed that her boyfriend, Dave Williams, confessed to being her lookout

and getaway driver. Martinez is a native of Santa Fe, New Mexico and attends classed at Northern Virginia Community College. According to the Washington Post, her father, Phillip Martinez of Santa Fe said he was very hurt because he almost lost his property to send his daughter to college.

Maryland Pastor Charged With Sexual Abuse



According to police, the pastor of Redemption Christian Fellowship in Woodlawn has been charged with several counts of sexually abusing children that he counseled. Police say 39-year-old Gerald Fitroy Griffith of the 1300-block of Peach Tree Court in Bowie is charged with several counts of child abuse, including sodomy and sec-

ond-degree assault. Five victims reported to police about alleged sexual abuse according to police reports. Police said that 39-year-old Gerald Fitroy Griffith was sexually abusing them during counseling sessions in the church office. According to wjla.com, Griffith was arrested Tuesday while waiting to board a flight to London at BWI.

Police Officer Shot After Threatening Suicide



Law enforcement officials report that a police officer in Northern Virginia shot and injured an off-duty officer who threatened to commit suicide in a shopping mall parking lot. The Prince Williams police department said that Cpl. Payam Zeraat, 37, of the Arlington County Police Department, was holding a gun inside of his truck at the Glendale Plaza in Dale City. The Prince William

County officers said Zeraat made a movement that made them feel threatened and attempted to negotiate with him. A Prince William officer shot and wounded him out of fear and Zeraat was flown to a local hospital. According to the Washington Post, Zeraat has been charged with brandishing a firearm, which carries a maximum fine of \$2,500 and a sentence of up to one year in prison.

Montgomery County School Bus Accident Kills Two



The Washington Post reported that a public school bus in Montgomery County collided with a Cadillac at New Hampshire Avenue and Bonifant Road in the Colesville area.

The bus was carrying about 25 Argyle Middle School students on a field trip. Two

people were in the car and one died later at a hospital.

Fire officials said that six students were treated for minor injuries and the other passenger of the car is still in the hospital with serious injuries.

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Communication is key. Cleaning schedules and bath-

Personality differences

"I wouldn't change my experience for the world. I learned a lot. I've been robbed, had arguments, been in the community director's office and even had to get the police involved," said sophomore public relations major Nichole Alabi. "It was bad at the time, but now I have a single [room] and a whole lot of life experiences."

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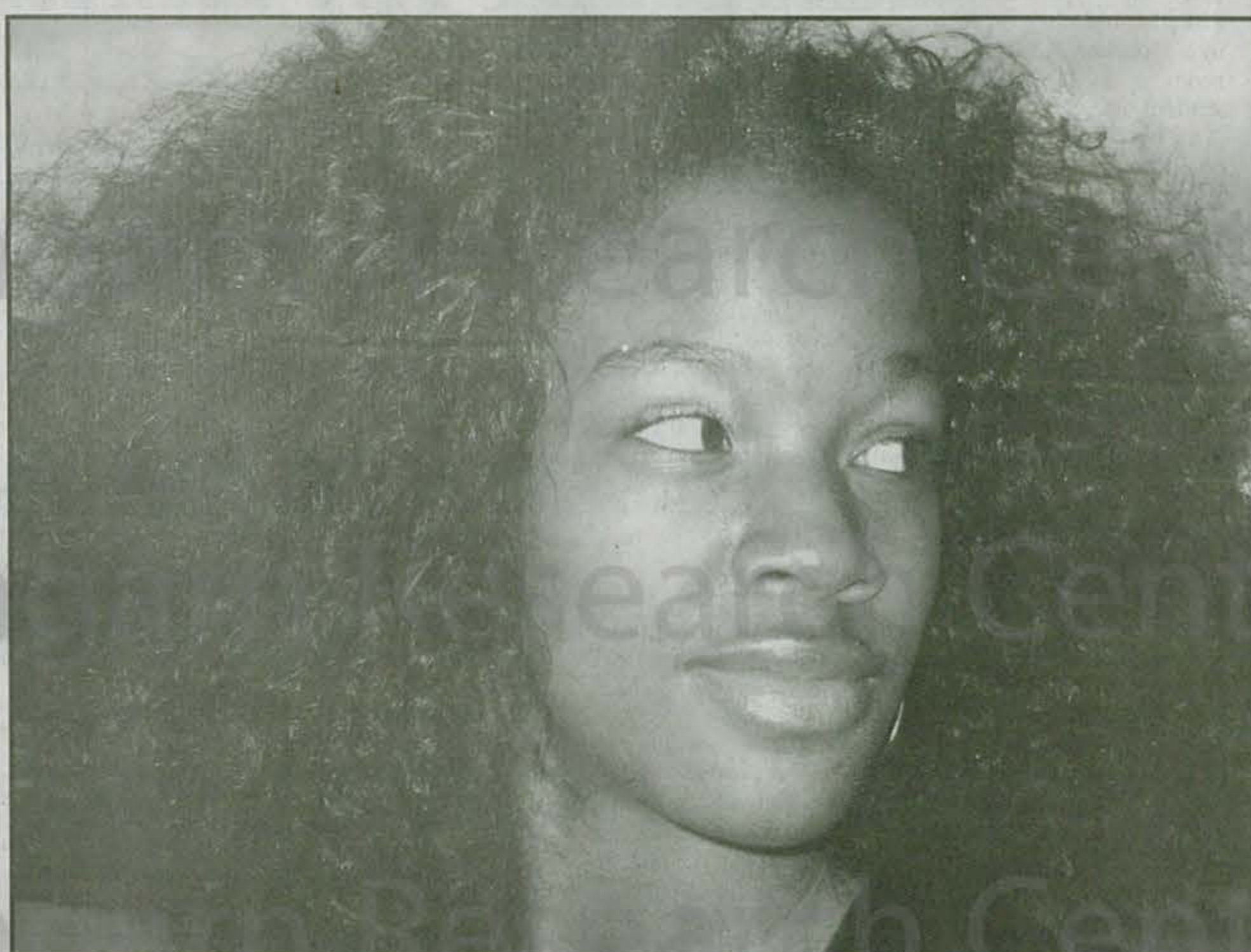
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Sex Scenes More Frequent on TV

A recent study conducted by the Kaiser Family Foundation found 70 percent of TV shows include some sexual content, with an average of five sex scenes per hour, according to a report in the New York Post. On the top ten shows, the number was roughly 6.7 scenes per hour. Shows like "Desperate Housewives" and "Nip/Tuck" were examples of shows cited for having hot and heavy sex scenes. We were not really surprised at the study data because we know sex sells and we are becoming a more open society with taboos and stigmas falling by the wayside. We don't think it's necessarily a bad thing as long as the sex scenes reflect reality.

Many other countries show explicit sexual content in everything from commercial advertisements to television shows.

Ironically enough, many of their STD and unwanted pregnancy rates are lower than the United States. The way people are having sex and trying

Our View:
It's healthy to show some risqué scenes on TV as long as they reflect real consequences.

to keep it quiet and suppress it through abstinence slogans and other means, is not effective enough. The natural concern is the likelihood of young children to see sex scenes before they are mature enough to handle the content. Exposure is unavoidable, so parents need to educate and prepare their children, even if it means having a "birds and bees" dialogue.

Instead of showing a soft

porno during primetime hours, there should be a point behind the sex scenes. Real life situations like unwanted pregnancies, abortions, STDs, HIV/AIDS and emotional consequences should be portrayed instead of just making sex look glamorous.

Television could be a real medium for education for people who are curious about sex or unable to talk about it with others. They should be able to see their favorite characters experience and learn from thought-provoking episodes.

People can try to keep sex out of the media but it will still be coming out of people's mouths. It's the year 2005 and we need to be realistic, resourceful and responsible when it comes to sexual coverage in the media.

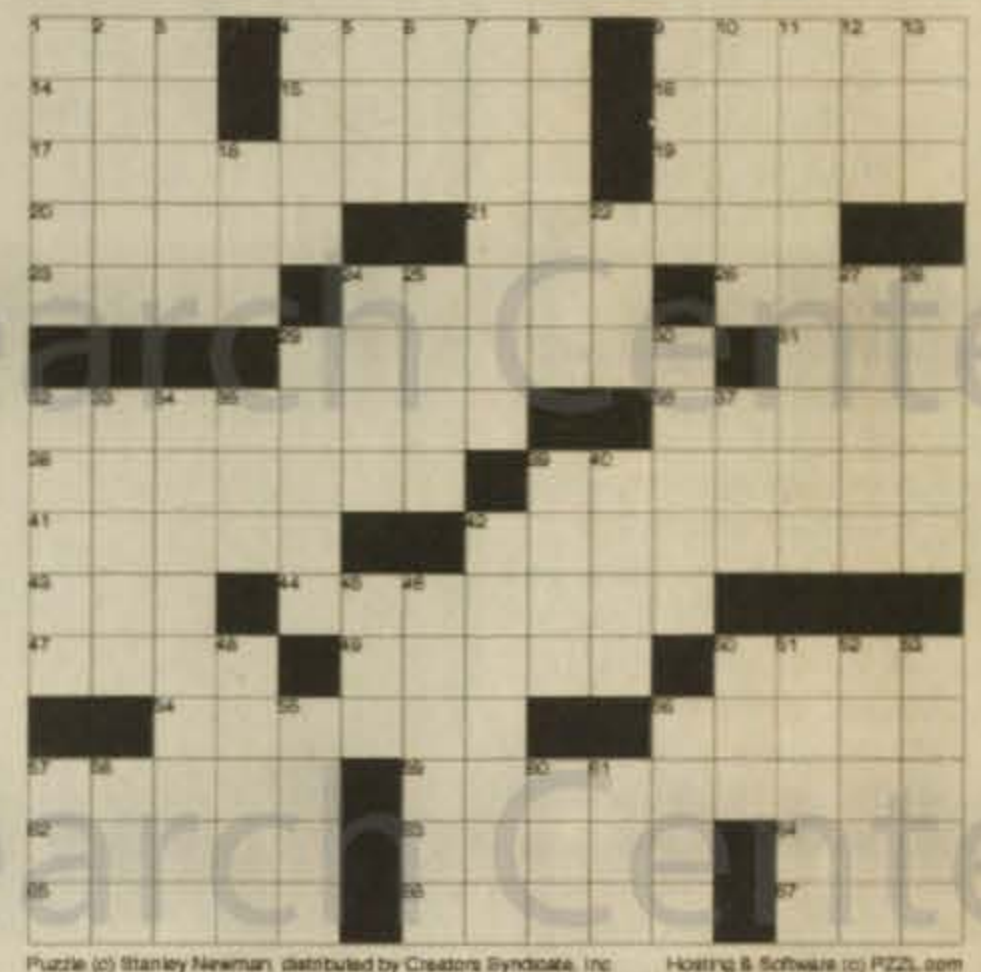
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Ubiquity's Tree of Life

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It was 32 years ago in February 1973, when more than 60 students (mostly freshman and sophomores from Philadelphia and New York) met in a Meridian Hill Hall reading room to discuss forming a new student organization.

That organization would be co-ed, service-oriented, encourage preparation of students for a positive manhood and womanhood and promote principles of family. And there was the birth of Ubiquity.

The student body has become more curious about Ubiquity after its tree, located near the center of campus, was struck by lightning a few months ago, and removed by the University.

Planted in 1973, the tree and the surrounding area had become sacred ground. Ubiquity reinforced its values through special ceremonies at that site.

When Ubiquitarian Blaine Pitts was killed outside of Carver Hall in 1979, the tree became the place for the expression of sorrow. When two Ubiquitarians married, the tree became the place for the expression of joy. When Rosa Parks died, the place where the tree once stood

became the place for Ubiquity's open candle light memorial service. Many, many life experiences have been shared and celebrated at what we call the Tree of Life.

Ubiquity's red and black t-shirts prominently display its symbolism, most interestingly, a tree, symbolizes our African roots. A black male and female extend from the tree reaching toward each other with an African drum centered between them promoting unity of purpose and communication.

Ubiquity's constitution, based on the seven principles of the Ngusu Saba (principles of Kwanzaa), defines its personality.

Founded by former student leader and civil rights attorney Donald M. Temple, its members have consistently held leadership roles in student government and other organizations. Temple, a 1975 graduate, was a UGSA representative for two years and later became vice-president.

Other former Ubiquity student leaders include attorney Cathy Bell, former HUSA president; Ayuda Jean, former Hilltop editor; Belinda Johnson, student government leader; Walter Woods, for-

mer HUSA president; Mark Temple, UGSA representative; Gregory Flanagan, president of the School of Education; and attorney Manatti Jenkins.

Its alumni members reflect Ubiquity's eclectic mix of interests and contributions to the larger black community.

Ubiquity's quiet and unpretentious activism over the last thirty years includes the adoption of the Key Day Care Center, sponsorship of Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, Red & Black Gala fundraiser for Sickle Cell Anemia, Natural Hair Shows, volunteer programs at senior citizen homes, and tutorial and mentorship programs at area schools.

When the University of Michigan cases were being heard a few years ago at the United States Supreme Court, Ubiquity brought together black law students and Howard undergraduates and helped to organize the march on the Supreme Court.

Student members are encouraged to maximize their Howard University experience by excelling academically and heightening their knowledge and sense of self.

Milan, Italy Introduces Military Fashion

BY BRITTANY HUTSON
Contributing Writer

Milan, Italy, the fashion capital of the world, recently introduced the latest trend for the fall/winter 2005 season, which features the recycled military trend.

Military inspired jackets were featured on the runways earlier this year to preview the upcoming trend selections for the season.

The military trend has crossed over as one of the latest fall selections in the US; clothing inspired by the trend includes cargos, camouflage, belted jackets and trench coats.

Internationally, one of the top designers to present the military inspired look was Gucci.

During a preview show in Milan, Italy this past February, Alessandra Facchinetti, Gucci's women's wear stylist began her show with a military jacket, belted below the waist and paired with black boots for a soft sexy look.

In addition to Gucci, another international designer that is promoting the military jacket is Chanel.

Doreen Vernon, Fashion Lecturer, shares her knowledge of the military trend for the season, "The coat for this fall is the coachmen coat. The military buttoned up, upper breasted, long, down to your mid-calf with some of them having large collars that resemble a Victorian look."

In the US, the military inspired coat or jacket is on the list as one of the "must-have" items for the fall/winter 2005 season.

Other items that cater to the trend are newsboy caps, navy dresses, gloves, navy boots and a navy wool pea coat.

In addition to the jacket, the military look includes cargo pants with suit jackets, jump-



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Known as one of the fashion capitals of the world, Milan, Italy, brings back military inspired fashions with items including cargos and trench coats in olives and chocolate browns.

suits or even flight suits.

Top designers in the US have also taken notice of the military inspired style. Calvin Klein advertises his spin on the military coat, featured in Burberry prorsum.

Donna Karen features the advertised "lieutenant's" coat on

the runway and Bebe has also advertised the embroidered military jacket and captains jacket.

The cost of the jackets in the US start from around \$150. Internationally, the retail price for the jackets range from \$1200 to \$5000.

Students around campus

have taken notice of the popular fall 2005 trend. Some students like Ngozi Ejim, freshman, fashion merchandising major, comments on how she incorporates the military flair into her wardrobe, "I have a lot of military in my wardrobe. I have a camouflage sweatshirt, I have olive green colored clothes and I have a military jacket."

Sharlia Collins, sophomore, chemistry major shares her views about the military style, "The double breasted big buttoned jacket is very military and its nice under a turtleneck because the collars aren't very tight and when its cold you'll want that around your neck."

She also reveals that she is on top of the trend, "I have a blazer that is military fashion."

Other students, like Freshman Fashion Merchandising major Chantel Johnson, are not as hyped about following the military trend, "I like the military look only when its accessorized."

An anonymous student opts to not follow the fashion craze because she is content with her own style, "I would borrow some of the style but I wouldn't incorporate it fully into my own wardrobe. I have to stay true to me."

Some common retail stores that are currently selling the must-have military jackets include Express, Forever 21, H&M, and for the bargain shopper, Target.

Express advertises a cotton notch collar military jacket over the internet for \$88. Forever 21 is selling the military jacket with prices settling around \$30.

H&M's price range for the military jacket and/or coats begin at \$19.90 and extend to \$49.90. Finally, for the bargain shopper, Target is selling various types of the military jacket with prices ranging between \$19.99 to \$27.99.



Wendy Williams, Tony Touch and Tyson Beckford to Host AIDS Dance-a-thon

WBLS 107.5 FM DJ Wendy Williams, Hip-Hop legend DJ Tony Touch and super model Tyson Beckford are among the special guest scheduled to serve as hosts of the Move Against AIDS Dance-a-thon, which will take place at the Manhattan Center on December 3.

Williams, a long-time advocate of AIDS awareness, will act as host to the thousands that gather at the five-hour Dance-a-thon.

Williams also co-chairs the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS and will appear at the Chose Life Awards in New York City in December, which recognizes corporations or individual's outstanding efforts in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

Destiny's Child Gives Last Performance

It's a wrap for Destiny's Child.

The chart-topping R&B superstars gave their swan-song performance Tuesday on "Jimmy Kimmel Live."

Kimmel turned over his entire show to the trio, in a first for the ABC late-night gabfest and a last for Beyoncé Knowles, Michelle Williams and Kelly Rowland.

They performed both indoors and outdoors for nearly 1,000 fans, treating radio contest winners flown in from all over the United States to renditions of "Stand up for Love" and their 2001 smash "Survivor."

Asked by Kimmel if the split would be permanent, Rowland seemed to leave the door open for a future reunion. "You never know," she replied.

Michael Jackson Stirs Controversy over Bathroom

Michael Jackson has stirred a small controversy in the United Arab Emirates by entering the ladies room in a shopping mall.

The pop star's publicist said Jackson, who arrived in Dubai this week as the guest of a champion rally driver, did not understand the Arabic sign on the door and left the bathroom as soon as he realized his mistake.

In the statement released late Tuesday, Jackson's publicist, Raymond K. Bain said: "Upon his exit (from the ladies bathroom), he was recognized and a crowd ensued. He had to wait in a nearby bookstore until police arrived to escort him through the crowd."

But local newspapers reported that the 47-year-old performer did not quickly leave the bathroom and was spotted applying makeup before leaving.

Mary J. Blige and VIBE Editor Clash

Mary J. Blige was the primary honoree at the VIBE Awards, which was televised on Tuesday but the singer had sharp words for the magazine's Editor-in-Chief Mimi Valdes.

On Saturday, when the urban awards show was taped, the Yonkers, New York singer scolded Valdes for the cover photography in the current issue of the magazine.

"For so many years, VIBE has given me great, great, great covers, but I must say, I'm very disappointed at the cover this time, so Mimi, me and you really need to talk, as women," Blige said during her acceptance speech. "No disrespect but, but I really hated the way you guys shaved off my head, pushed my forehead way back behind my ears. I am just insulted, so that's no respect on the cover, but I thank you, and I appreciate the award."

Valdes responded to Blige's accusations and suggested that Mary wasn't appreciative of the support the publication has displayed through the years, regardless of the singer's declaration.

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M. Klean Delivers a Fresh Solo Album

BY MICHAEL IVEY, JR.
Contributing Writer

Lately, Texas hip-hop is seeing plenty of light. Independent mix tape hustlers have proven to major distributors that their brand of rap sells. While most built their initial clientele on neighborhood streets, heavyweight Entertainment rapper/producer M. Klean wants HU's attention first and foremost.

The OakCliff, Texas native recently released "Fresh," the first solo LP from the budding label. He makes a thorough transition from 2 Thrown co-pilot to solo artist.

The content of "Fresh" doesn't stray far from the title. It's a 75 minute exposition on getting money, girls, and rhyme recognition.

Senior producer Miguel Graves provides most of the music, adding quality context to the record.

"Cut My Check" is easily the most focused song. Klean scoffs at the much sought after rap crown, opting for the fortune instead: "[People] want it all, but I ain't gotta have everything/long as I'm makin' money I don't never have to be the king."

Many young rappers are undeveloped and unaware, but M. Klean is definitely conscious of his moves in the booth.

The bluntly titled "Freak" is a solid bounce with an infection hook. It fits nicely on this beat and chorus driven LP. Misogynistic? Yes, but Graves' cool, base heavy beat gives off a screwed Midwest vibe that makes you forget and dance.

M. Klean's partner, Dallas lyricist Jesse, contributes a verse and also appears on "What You Know About Me" and the M. Klean produced "Take Ya Picture." The latter is most



impressive, as Jesse employs a dragged out, easygoing cadence, rhyming: "I knew you was the one when I seen you in the crowd/Don Juan ain't touching my style."

On "Anytime, Anyplace" Graves successfully samples Janet Jackson's memorable ode to love making. M. Klean's relaxed, basic flow is efficient, but sounds unchallenged. A high quality sample deserves a more creative lyrical approach, therefore the song is just a trip down memory lane.

The hidden title track is

another M. Klean production, over which he asserts his freshness with plenty of swagger. A screwed Jay-Z sample asks "who you gone find fresher than him" throughout, and Klean replies with lines like, "I know they hating but they still gimme pound/freshest [dude] is ya city every time I come around."

Listeners are given a true bonus at the tail end of "Fresh." Three snippets of junior marketing major and Chicago native Brandon "B. Hines" are enough to show he's a sincere R&B vocalist. His music harkens back

to what most 18 to 22 year olds call the good old days of slow jams.

Songs like the Graves produced "Overdose" make it easy to think he could hold his own among industry R&B acts. This only adds to the appeal of the record as a whole.

More than just a solo debut, "Fresh" represents a communal musical experience. Good beats, and a few bangers, occasionally above average rapping, and great snippets at the end make "Fresh" a solid hip-hop debut.

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O-H...I-O!!

BY COURTNEY EILAND
Sports Editor

This Saturday marks the day that many University of Michigan fans and die-hard supporters of The Ohio State Buckeyes have looked forward to since last November.

But this year, it has a little bit more meaning for me personally.

I am usually not one to bet, but being that I know so many people from Michigan, even one person from Ann Arbor, and with me being the trash-talker that I am, I decided to make a little wager.

Now, keep in mind that I am smart enough not to bet money that I do not have; however, the bet that I made may hurt a little more than a dent in my wallet would.

So, here goes... the bet. If Ohio State loses, I have agreed to sport a Michigan t-shirt selected by my nemesis to wear the Monday following the game. But if Michigan loses, then my nemesis will have to wear an Ohio State t-shirt that I select, in public.

To some, it may not be that big of a deal. But if you understood the history and the depth of the intense rivalry between Ohio State and Michigan, then you would understand why my heart is about to beat out of my chest, even as we speak.

Growing up in a football city such as Columbus, Ohio (no, we don't have a professional football team, but the Buckeyes are enough for us) and having a father who is an Ohio State University alum, it has been transplanted in my mindset to only have love for the Buckeyes and to despise the Wolverines.

I can recall a moment when I wore a Michigan t-shirt just as a joke and as a result, I witnessed my father in a surprisingly angry state.

Of course that was before I knew what the consequences and repercussions of wearing any form of Michigan apparel in my household were. And luckily, I have taken it as a lesson learned.

So, the thought of even wearing the colors maize and blue in public brings me to tears. Yes, it's that bad.

The fact that the game is being played in Michigan (where the Wolverines are 4-2 this year) worries me a tad bit, but this year my Buckeyes have had quite a successful season, especially after pounding the Northwestern Wildcats 48-7 just last week.

Hopefully Ohio State will still be on their 'victory high' and be able to take it with them on the road 'up north.'

So, Saturday at 1 p.m., my eyes will be glued to the television in hopes of my Buckeyes saving me from agreeing to wear the dreaded Michigan colors of maize and blue.

The more and more I think about it, maybe I should have just bet the money.

Countdown to Women's Tip-Off: Part Two Lady Bison Hoops Prepare to Take the Court

Bison Aim to Surpass MEAC Expectations

BY CASSANDRA CUTNO
Contributing Writer

The Howard University women's basketball team hails from a great legacy of many accomplishments. However, this year the Lady Bison will be playing without their starter Daisha Hicks, who graduated last year.

"She has been a big part of the team even as a freshman," said Head Coach Cathy Parson, who is now entering her sixth season with the Lady

Bison.

On the other hand, senior Ebony Lacey is prepared to fill Hicks' shoes. Parson considers Lacey to have as much or even more athleticism than Hicks. "Lacey has phenomenal capabilities," Parson said. But the one thing Parson hopes for is a better defense from Lacey.

During Lacey's junior year, she lead her team with roughly three assists per game. She is also recognized by her ability to be strong and quick on the offensive end.

Lacey thinks of her team as having a lot of talent. "We are capable of winning the MEAC championships," Lacey said. "We just have to work hard."

Last year the Lady Bison fell to Coppin State University Eagles 69-74 in the semifinal round of the MEAC tournament. "We had a good start, we just didn't fare well," Parson said. "Coppin was just more physical and competitive."

This season, Parson also calls on two other players that have stepped up their game in order to fill the void of the loss of Hicks along with former post-player, Andrea Jones.

Parson describes 6'2" junior forward Melloni Benson and 5'7" senior guard Brittany James as the leaders of this year's team. Both are constantly in the player's ears helping the team to grow intellectually, and they are passionate with their teammates as well.

This upcoming season the team would like to prove to the MEAC championships that they are much better than the predictions of the MEAC. Last year, they were predicted to place third and ended up placing fourth at the conclusion of the season.

The MEAC judges consist of faculty representatives, athletic directors and coaches. Benson expresses preseason predictions of her own. "We were ranked to finish third in preseason prediction this year," Benson said. "They fail to mention us as a unit. It was pretty much a slap in the face. We are coming back strong[er] than any other team."

This season, the Lady Bison were selected to finish in third place again behind the



Courtesy of All Pro Photography

Junior forward Melloni Benson is one the Lady Bison players expected to have a big impact this season.



Courtesy of All Pro Photography

Last season, Daisha Hicks averaged over 15 points a game for the Lady Bison. Coach Parson hopes that senior guard Ebony Lacey will step up to fill the void after losing Hicks.

Coppin State University Eagles and the Hampton University Pirates, who are expected to finish in first and second place respectively.

Aside from the disappointments over the preseason polls, the Lady Bison are focused on opening the year in hopes of

another winning season.

Stay tuned for Part three of our women's basketball preview series which will conclude tomorrow with the game preview of the Lady Bison's opening game versus Tulane.



Howard Bison Briefs



Swimming & Diving

The swimming and diving teams will compete in the George Mason Invitational this weekend in Fairfax, Va.

Bowling

On Saturday, the women's bowling team will compete in the University of Maryland - Eastern Shore Shootout in Millsboro, Del.

Women's Basketball

The Lady Bison basketball team will have their season opener tomorrow afternoon at 4:30 p.m. against Tulane.

However, because of the damage done to the Tulane Campus due to the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, the game will be played at Lubbock Christian University in Texas.

Football

The Howard University men's football team will play their final game of the season on Saturday, Nov. 19 at 1:00 p.m. at Delaware State University in Dover, Del.

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